

# Brooklands Bulletin



**Brooklands Farm**  
**Primary School**  
Weaving a learning journey

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## Term Dates:

2015/2016

Spring (1) term ends 12th February

Half Term Break 15th-19th February

Spring (2) begins 22nd February

Spring (2) ends 24th March (23rd  
March for Nursery)

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day Monday 11th April

Summer (1) term begins 12th April

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Summer (1) term ends 27th May

Half Term Break 30th May—3rd  
June

Summer (2) term begins 6th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July  
(20th July for Nursery)

2016/2017

Autumn (1) term begins 5th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 21st Oct

Half Term Break 24th—28th Oct

Inset Day Monday 31st October

Autumn (2) term begins 1st Nov

Autumn (2) term ends 16th Dec  
(15th December for Nursery)

Christmas Break 19th Dec—2nd Jan

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week we've had! Nursery had their Stay and Play sessions and Year ignited their Up, Up and Away project with a trip to The Shuttleworth Collection. Tuesday's trip unfortunately ended with a 4 hour coach trip home due to the closure of the A421. We would like say a huge thank you to those parents and staff on board the coach who kept the children safe, happy and entertained. We would also like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of keeping your email and mobile numbers up to date so that we can communicate with parents/carers when the children are on school trips.

Today, children were sent home with activation letters for our new ParentPay system. ParentPay is a system similar to ParentMail but not only can parents receive communications but are able to make online payments. We have trialled the system at Countess Way and would now like to roll it out at Fen Steet so please take some time over the weekend to activate your accounts as we will be moving from ParentMail to ParentPay once everyone is active. If you have not received your activation letter please contact the front desk.

We have also included a letter regarding our Ignite programme in the envelopes that went home today. The £35 voluntary contribution has been made available to pay online via ParentPay. If you have any trouble activating your account or paying online please let us know. Not to worry, we will also still accept cash and cheques for Ignite at the front desk.

We have been told the 3-way temporary traffic lights on Newport Road will be in place for a week, fingers crossed the works will finish early next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 25th January is:

**9am, Thursday 21st January**

To report an absence please phone the school office on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website:

<http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

## *Latest News*

**Well done to our year 3 & 4 badminton team for placing 4th at their festival this week!**

**New Telephone System:** We've had a new telephone system installed this week. When you phone the main line you now have more options to choose from., you can now reach Countess Way and Care Club!

**Fen Street Learning Clubs:** Those children attending learning clubs should be collected at 4:30pm from the 5/6 doors via the courtyard at the front of the building.

**Fen Street Car Park:** Remember to keep your speed to 5 mph in the car park as well as keep to the one way system. If you are dropping children off please stop along the curve of the car park, as far forward as possible so that others may do the same. Please refrain from stopping across the disabled bays.

**World Book Day Competition:** This week we have entered the World Book Day competition 'What does reading mean to you?' Last term all the classes were set this competition as homework. The entry we have submitted is by Aydan in Year 4. Aydan created a wonderfully original song about reading. We are so excited about this that we are planning to learn it as a school! Well done Aydan. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the World Book Day competition.

**Adverse Weather Advise:** You should have received our adverse weather advise earlier this week via email. It can also be found on the website under About Us > Policies > Adverse weather policy.

**Year 4 Ignite Trip:** Just a reminder that 4a, 4b and 4c will be visiting New Walk Museum next Friday. Please send children in with a packed lunch in a disposable bag on the day. Chartwells has been notified to refund school dinners for those who have placed orders.

**PTA Meeting:** Brooklands Farm Friends will next be meeting on Thursday 28th January from 6:45-8pm at the Broughton Pavilion. Everyone is welcome!

**Open Coffee Morning:** Please join us for an open coffee morning on Thursday, every fortnight from 8:30-10:00 at Countess Way, starting this Thursday 21st January.

**Breakfast Club/Care Club/Activity Clubs Queries:** Please direct your queries regarding breakfast club, care club and activity clubs to [careclub@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:careclub@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

**Fen Street Lost Property:** All unnamed lost property collected last term has now been donated. We have already collected quite a few items this week and last. Please come in and have a look through the lost property trolley for any items your child is missing.

## *Dates for Your Diary*

**Upcoming Sports Festivals:** 20th Jan—5 & 6 Indoor Athletics @ Ousedale, 27th Jan— Year 5 & 6 Football @ Tattenhoe

**GOSH we love a bake sale!** On Thursday 28th January we will be hosting a bake sale at home time on both campuses in aid of Great Ormand Street Hospital. Our talented staff will be baking for the event!

**Parents Evening:** Tuesday 8th March, 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th March, 3:50-7:30pm. You will receive an event code to book online via ParentMail/ParentPay early next week.

**Year 6 Residential:** 20th-24th June, New Barn

**Year 5 Residential:** 6th-8th July, The Caldecotte Xperience

## Tell Me Tuesday

Mrs Langford and Mrs Thelwell will be collecting your answers at drop-off on Tuesday at the school gates at Fen Street and Miss McShane at Countess Way. Results are now published on the school website.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you feel comfortable discussing religion and beliefs?

## Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom. If you cannot make the date below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 18th January are:

**Monday 18th January: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin)** Zaynab A, Anaiya R, Jude W, Tiarni B, Hattie H-S,

**Thursday 21st January: Year 3: (Green Pin)** April H-V, Shiven P

**Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Myah L, Mari J, Solomon C, Josie P

**Year 5: (Purple Pin)** Saffron H

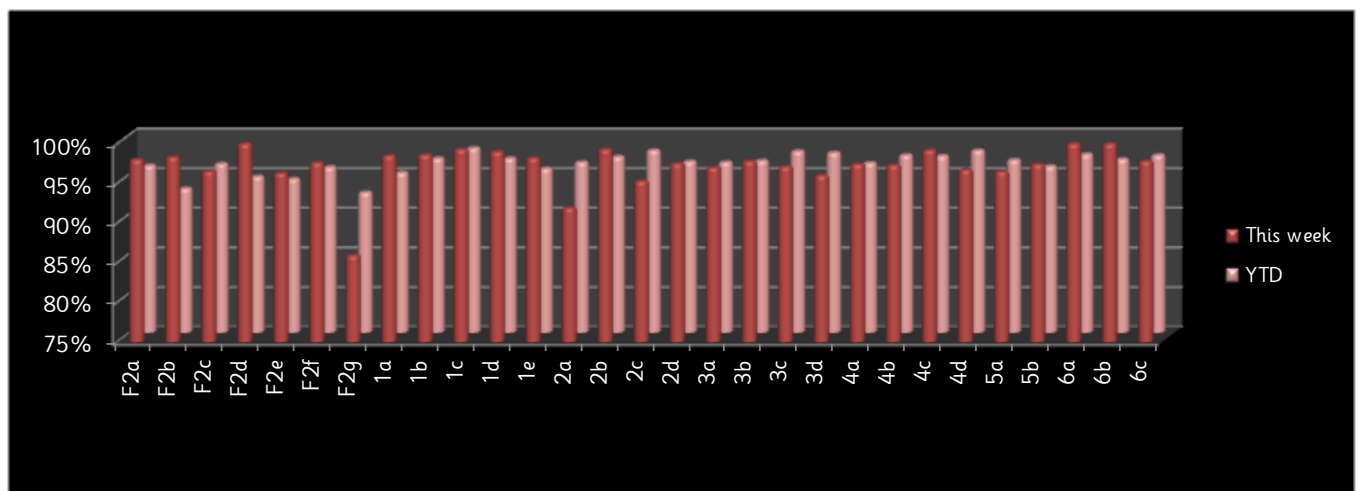
**Year 6: (Gold Pin)** Millie B **(Red Ribbon)** Maheen R, Keaton C, Manahil M, Tomas K

**Friday 22nd January: Year 1: (Orange Pin)** Dylan R, Renee R

**Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Ruby C **(Blue Pin)** Dhioni T, Sean M, Tillie K, Tilly L, Ava R, Benita O

## Attendance

The national expected level of attendance is 96.5%. We take attendance very seriously at Brooklands Farm and expect to achieve this level with your partnership. This week's attendance is:



The proud winners of the attendance trophy for Fen Street goes to F2d Miss Fox with 100% attendance!

The winners at Countess Way are year 3/4 Mr Gray with 97.7%! Well done!